

**IN THE MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

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**COMPLETE TITLE OF CASE**

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Respondent,

v.

WILLIAM A.L. CRABTREE,

Appellant.

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**DOCKET NUMBER WD74414**

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

**DATE:** April 30, 2013

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**APPEAL FROM**

The Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri  
The Honorable Patricia S. Joyce, Judge

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**JUDGES**

Division Two: Ahuja, P.J., and Hardwick and Mitchell, JJ.

CONCURRING.

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## MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS, WESTERN DISTRICT

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**Before Division Two Judges:** Alok Ahuja, Presiding Judge, and Lisa White Hardwick and Karen King Mitchell, Judges

William Crabtree appeals his conviction, following a bench trial, of resisting a lawful detention or stop, pursuant to section 575.150. Crabtree argues that, at the time the officer first attempted to stop him, the officer had no reasonable suspicion for doing so, which rendered the attempted stop unlawful. Thus, he argues, the evidence supporting his conviction was insufficient.

**AFFIRMED.**

**Division Two holds:**

1. Although it is clear that resisting an arrest is prohibited, regardless whether the arrest is lawful, it is unclear whether section 575.150 allows an individual to resist an unlawful stop or detention.
2. Here, it does not matter whether the statute covers unlawful stops and detentions, or only lawful ones, because, when the officer first attempted to stop Crabtree, there was sufficient evidence supporting the existence of reasonable suspicion for an investigatory stop. Hence, the attempted stop was lawful.

3. Crabtree's unexplained flight from law enforcement, coupled with information provided to the officer that something was amiss with Crabtree's vehicle, constituted reasonable suspicion justifying the attempted stop.

**Opinion by: Karen King Mitchell, Judge**

April 30, 2013

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